

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

USSR

a. We are seeing the first suggestions that further changes could be taking place in Moscow.

b. The Soviets appear to be trying to throw up a smokescreen covering the activities of senior leaders.

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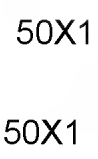
c. TASS has announced that Brezhnev, Podgorny, and Suslov attended meetings with an Italian delegation which took place on 30 and 31 October and 2 November.

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f. Also, the Italian leader said on return to Rome that he had not been able to see Suslov.

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1. Congo

a. The rebel military position is crumbling.

b. Pro-Tshombé forces are squeezing the rebels from three sides. The Van der Walle column of 125 mercenaries, on the road north from Katanga since Sunday, expects to take Kindu, the rebel's second city, today. The column is the largest force of mercenaries assembled so far in the rebellion.

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c. Rebel forces are also falling back north of Bukavu, where Beni has fallen to Congolese troops, and west of Stanleyville.

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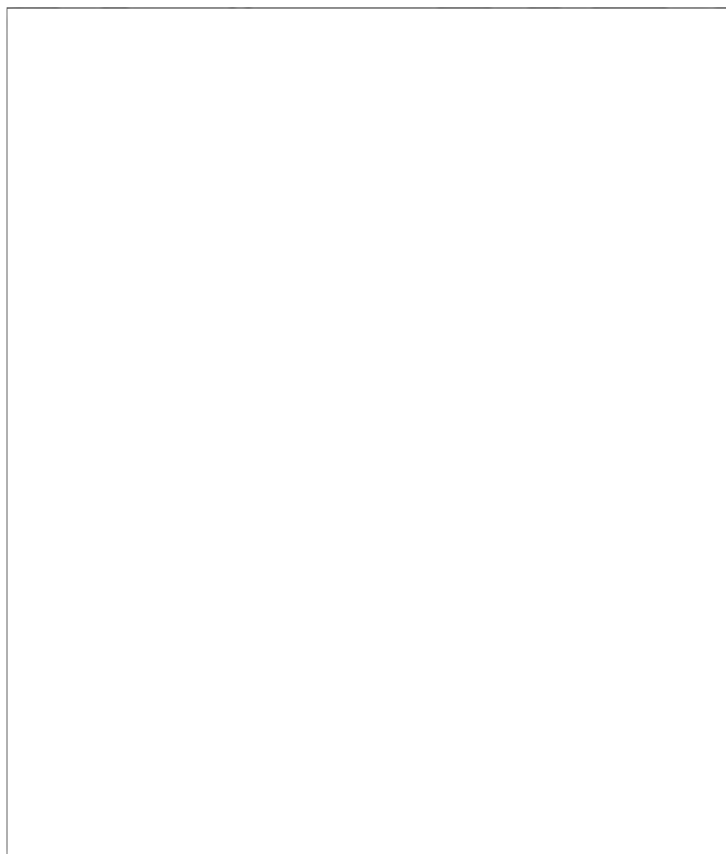
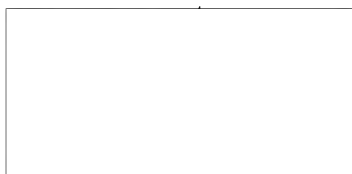
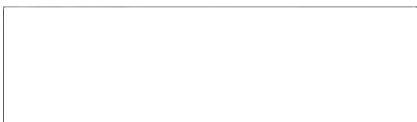
e. One thing that could still tip the scales in favor of the rebels would be the importation of arms and trained man-power.

f. We have been picking up hints that this is under consideration among the radical Africans, but so far we have no hard evidence that anything has been done.

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g. There is still no further word on the tenuous reports received yesterday that US officials in Stanleyville had been killed.

2. Indonesia-Malaysia



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3. Sino-Soviet Dispute

a. [redacted]

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there will be a high-level meeting of Communist leaders, including Chou En-lai during the 47th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution this weekend.

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c. Nonetheless, neither side is showing any tendency to compromise on fundamentals.

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4. France -
Western Europe

a. Paris has let it be known that Couve de Murville will raise the grain price question at the EEC Council of Ministers' meeting in Brussels on Armistice Day.

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b. The French are throwing out numerous hints of drastic actions they will take if they do not get satisfaction on this from the Germans.

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c. It seems unlikely that they will, and many knowledgeable Europeans are convinced there is fire behind all this French smoke.

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e. For what it's worth Adenauer, who has been sniping hard at Erhard and Schroeder, is due in Paris next Monday for a round of talks with De Gaulle.

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5. Bolivia

a. The country is poised on the brink of civil war this morning.

b. Barrientos finally threw down the gauntlet yesterday. He set up a revolutionary command and demanded Paz get out. The rebel radio in Cochabamba is threatening a "march on La Paz."

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c. Still, there has been no firing yet, and further talks are set for today. It looks, however, as if Barrientos has now gone too far to turn back.

d. Thus it remains for Paz to give in.

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e. If Paz decides to fight, Ambassador Henderson estimates he has an even chance of remaining in power. He controls La Paz, including the air base, and has at his disposal some 8,250 armed men. Barrientos has 5,900 located mostly in Cochabamba and Oruro.

f. In this bid for power, he has accepted the help of extreme leftists and Communists.

g. Henderson fears that a government run by Barrientos, a babe in the political woods, might eventually be taken over by these elements.

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NOTES

A. South Vietnam Prime Minister Huong suspects that the Buddhists are out to stall the formation of his government until this weekend when they plan to stage massive street demonstrations to force his resignation in favor of their man Nhut. He suspects that they were behind the refusal of Foreign Minister Quat to stay on in his cabinet, announced today.

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B. Communist China

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D. Venezuela

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E. Algeria-USSR

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